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St. Johnsbury, Vermont

### PASSUMPSIC CONG'L CLUB.

Midsummer Gathering on the Shores  
of Caspian Lake.

The Passumpsic Congregational club, which has had a long period of inactivity, took a new lease of life Tuesday when some 25 of its members attended a midsummer meeting at Caspian Lake in Greensboro. The principal speakers at the gathering were two of the secretaries of the Congregational Home Missionary society, Rev. Dr. C. E. Burton and Rev. Dr. H. P. Swartz, both of New York, who are spending the summer at North Hero. These gentlemen held an informal conference with the clergymen in attendance at the morning session, followed by a luncheon at the Congregational church, where the meeting was held.

At the afternoon session both gentlemen outlined the proposed plans for the celebration of the tercentary of the landing of the Pilgrims, which will be properly observed in 1920. Dr. Burton spoke of the various movements leading up to this celebration that had been planned by the national council. Dr. Swartz spoke more in detail along the same lines, speaking of the plan to raise a fund of at least \$2,000,000 for denominational purposes within the next four years, of the anticipated growth in the membership of the churches, and of special work that would be done throughout the country to interest the Christian people in a religious awakening.

At a brief business session it was decided to hold the annual meeting

of the club in October, probably at St. Johnsbury, when a vote would be taken as to continuing the organization.

Following an excellent supper, served by the ladies of the church, Rev. E. G. French presided at the postprandial exercises and short and witty speeches were made by Rev. C. F. Carter of Hartford, Prof. Gillette of the Hartford Theological Seminary, and Rev. Allan A. Stockdale of Toledo, all summer residents at Greensboro.

St. Johnsbury was represented at the gathering by Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Richards, Rev. Dr. C. H. Merrill and wife, Mrs. Abbie J. Balch, Arthur F. Stone and Miss Stone, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Hazen and Miss Helen L. Graves, the secretary of the club.

**Church Picnic Thursday.**  
The North church picnic and outing will be held in G. C. Cary's grove on Thursday if the weather is suitable, if not the next pleasant day. Automobiles will start from the church at 9 o'clock.

The porch party of the North church will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. H. H. Carr, 105 Main street.

The South church women will have a porch party on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mrs. Eaton's, Woman's club house.

**Masons Elect Beck Treasurer.**  
At the regular meeting of the Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, A. F. and A. M., Thursday evening, Fred C. Beck was elected treasurer of the lodge to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of C. A. Calderwood.

### FRATERNAL MEETINGS

**Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M.**  
Regular Communication Thursday evening, August 10.  
P. W. JACKSON, W. M.  
D. R. COLB, Secretary.

**Haswell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11.**  
Stated Convocation Friday evening, July 21 at 7:30 o'clock. Work M. M. M. Degree.  
RAYMOND A. PEARL, R. H. P.  
FRED G. MOORE, Secretary.

**Palatine Commandery, No. 5, K. T.**  
Stated Conclave Tuesday evening, July 11.  
ELWIN A. SILBY, Em. Commander.  
EARL D. BYANS, Recorder.

**The Museum of Natural Science.**  
Open week days 9-12 A. M., 1-4 P. M.  
Sundays 2:30 to 5 P. M.  
All visitors welcomed.

**St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.**  
LIBRARY READING ROOM ART GALLERY  
9 o'clock to 9 o'clock each week day, Wednesday evenings excepted.  
8 o'clock to 3 o'clock Sundays.  
All are invited.

### LOCAL NOTICES

(Notices will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of ten cents a line for the first insertion and five cents a line for subsequent insertions of the same copy.)

Grace Unity Club will hold a food sale Saturday, July 22, at 2 p. m. in vestry of Grace Methodist church. Bread, pastry and fish cakes will be on sale.

The W. H. M. S. of the South church hold a food sale in the vestry, Saturday, July 22, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Dr. Doyle and family are in camp at Lake Willoughby for three weeks and his office will be closed.

**D. A. R. Entertainment.**

Under the auspices of the D. A. R. Miss Margaret Merrill is arranging a pageant to be given at Brantview August 2 and 3. The Revels of Old Stratford will include a series of portrayals of village life of Shakespeare's time and some scenes from his plays. Those who saw the plays given at Brantview and Elmwood under Miss Merrill's direction will not wish to miss this attractive program, which will be more fully outlined next week.

Miss Bertha Westcott, Swift of Boston, soprano, and teacher of singing, will spend the summer in this vicinity and will commence teaching the first week in July. Her address will be 88 Main street.

First class seven-passenger auto for hire. C. E. Sparhawk, Phone 336-W. Mrs. E. B. Grow, foot specialist, will be in town Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only until September 25.—Adv.

Try the new College Ice, "Ruby Flop" at Searles Soda Fountain.

From May to September The Caledonian Office will be closed Saturday afternoons. Bring in your business Saturday morning.

Fairbanks Coffee, sold by A. H. Gleason, 73 Main street.

If you need a monument or any lettering done in cemetery write or call 534-M, J. E. Walker.

## ST. J. GIRL DROWNED

Miss Florence Anderson Loses Life at  
Y. W. C. A. Camp in Michigan—  
Lived Here Until 7 Years Ago.

Notice has been received of the drowning at Lansing, Mich., of Miss Florence Anderson, a former St. Johnsbury girl, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Anderson of Dallas, Texas.

The telegram received here told of the drowning and that the remains were on the way to this place in the care of her aunt, Miss Clara Anderson.

Miss Anderson at the time of the accident was engaged in chautauqua work in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association and it was while at one of the Y. W. C. A. camps that the accident occurred.

She was born in St. Johnsbury in September, 1889, and graduated from the graded schools in town and then attended the St. Johnsbury Academy until she left here with her parents seven years ago. She finished her education in a school at Dallas, Texas, where, after graduating she entered Y. W. C. A. work.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Anderson, were residents of St. Johnsbury for many years, settling here in 1867 and remaining more or less until seven years ago, when they went to Dallas, Texas.

The body is expected to arrive on the 2:45 train Wednesday and will be taken to the cemetery vault until further plans for interment can be made.

### PENN. R. R. MEN TEST SCALES

Six Here in the Interest of Their Road  
All Prove Satisfactory.

Six representatives of the transportation, engineering and motor departments of the Pennsylvania railroad are in town testing the new scale built by the Fairbanks Co. It is understood that as far as is known the new scale is the only one of its kind in the world, the construction of which involves a new principle of operation. It is what is known as a plate fulcrum track scale of the two section principle.

Those in the party are A. H. Hafner, F. M. Basher, H. B. Houston, Joseph C. O'Donnell, K. H. Barry and A. W. Epright all of Altoona, Pa.

The calibrating test was conducted Tuesday and it is expected will be finished Wednesday. The tests thus far have proved highly satisfactory to the railroad representatives.

Miss Mildred Thomas visited relatives in Sheffield recently and her cousin, Miss Luba Barber spent last week with her at her home in Arlington.

## JURY CHOSEN IN THE FELCH MURDER TRIAL

Case of State Against Otis Williams of Topsham and Dead Man's Wife For Complicity In Shooting of April 22  
Stirs Orange County and Is Expected to Be Most Absorbing In Annals of Criminal Procedure—Panel of 24 Talismen Nearly Exhausted

## BOTH CALMLY PLEAD NOT GUILTY

State's Opening Intimates That It Will Attempt to Prove Intimacy Between the Accused and a Desired Freedom From Conjugal Bonds As a Motive—Two Witnesses On Stand Tuesday Show Photographs and Plans of Scene of Crime—Trial Is Expected To Last At Least 10 Days—Believed Defense Will Be Suicide

(Special to The Caledonian.)

Chelsea, July 18.—What is expected to be the most absorbing murder trial in the annals of Orange county criminal procedure was well under way here today. The jury in the case of State vs. Otis Williams of Topsham, charged with murder in the first degree for alleged complicity in the death of Joseph Felch April 22, was empaneled before noon after a panel of 24 talismen had been nearly exhausted.

In the opening by the prosecution it was intimated that the state would attempt to show intimacy between the accused man and the wife of the deceased and the possibility of a motive on their part to be free from conjugal bonds. The state did not say, however, that it would attempt to prove who fired the shot that killed Felch.

Both Williams and Mrs. Felch were calm and unagitated today when they entered pleas of not guilty.

Orange county is stirred as it has not been in years and the courtroom was filled with eager spectators although the trial has not proceeded to the interesting stage. It is expected that the case will take at least 10 days.

Two witnesses took the stand today. Fred Adams of Bradford showed a number of photographs showing the sugarhouse and surroundings where the body of Felch was found. The other witness was Civil Engineer Myron Buck of Bethel who showed plans of the sugarhouse and its position as to the farm house and the house of Williams. Mr. Buck was on the stand when court adjourned until tomorrow.

### The Jury.

Examination of talismen, begun Monday afternoon, was continued this forenoon with the result that the following jurymen were selected:

H. H. Titus of West Fairlee, retired.

Jesse M. Benjamin of Stratford, employee of the Vermont Copper Co.

P. W. Flint of Braintree, farmer.

Norman J. Platt of Williamstown, retired property owner.

Curtis E. Brown of Tunbridge, farmer.

S. H. Thayer of Braintree, farmer.

Volney B. Sary of Brookfield, farmer.

Clarence A. Webster of Randolph, farmer.

A. A. Kidder of Newbury, farmer.

Charles L. Hayward of Williamstown, farmer.

Arthur Lamson of Brookfield, farmer.

W. S. Hathaway of Washington, farmer.

Prejudices against capital punishment and rejection of circumstantial evidence as an avenue leading to conviction were the principal reasons for the disqualification of jurymen at the session yesterday, although a number of talismen were excused because the condition of their health did not warrant the rigors of close custody demanded of jurors. It is anticipated that the trial of Williams will last at least 10 days and some of those examined did not think their health would benefit by comparatively isolation during that period.

Attorney General H. G. Barber of Brattleboro, who is assisting in the prosecution, and State's Attorney Frank S. Williams of Bradford examined the talismen for the state, and the respondents' interests were represented by Attorney David Conant of Bradford and Attorney Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea.

### The Story of Felch's Death.

The story of Felch's death, as current around the latter days of April, contained the following elements. Toward the wane of the maple sugar season Felch finished supper—it was on the night of Saturday, April 22—and announced his intention of going to the sugarhouse for the purpose of boiling the last run of sap. He remarked that he would be home around midnight. The sugarhouse is located in a fringe of fir trees at the edge of a maple orchard scarcely a half mile away from the house.

In the early morn of Easter Sunday Mr. Felch's non-appearance caused alarm and Mrs. Felch, her daughter, Bernice, and the hired girl, Miss Josephine Pero, set out for the sugarwoods. Arriving at the sugarhouse they opened the door and found the body of Felch lying in the welter of his own blood with a rifle under his arm and the town health officer was called. He scouted the theory of suicide because of the peculiar juxtaposition of the body and the rifle.

On the following Wednesday Williams was arrested and given a preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace in Bradford. Williams' statements on that occasion are said to have prompted the arrest of Mrs. Felch a few days afterward. The

rifle found under Felch's body, Felch's clothing, the lantern and other articles were taken to Burlington by the state pathologist for further examination. It is expected that Dr. Stone and Dr. Whitney will arrive in Chelsea Wednesday to testify, although their testimony may not be used until later in the week.

## NO SPECIAL SESSION

After Information Received from  
Washington Gov. Gates Says Calling  
of Legislature Is Inadvisable.

(Special to The Caledonian.)  
Franklin, July 18.—Gov. Gates tonight announced that he would not call a special session of the legislature of the state to act on the compensation of the members of the Vermont National guard now in service on the Mexican border, at present.

His notice states that information received within a few days from the war department has materially changed the conditions relating to the National guard, and after a conference with the adjutant general it was decided inadvisable to call a special session of the legislature to act upon the matter.

The response of the local relief associations has been so generous that the boys will be well cared for for the present. A record has been secured of the dependent families of the men now on duty on the Mexican frontier and they will be properly cared for.

## PINNED UNDER OVERTURNED AUTO AND IS UNINJURED

East St. Johnsbury, July 18.—Miss Edna Wells of Granby miraculously escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon when the automobile she was driving turned turtle on the road between East St. Johnsbury and North Concord, pinning her beneath the car until help could be secured to raise the machine and release her.

Miss Wells is the R. F. D. carrier on the "star" route between North Concord and Granby and was returning from St. Johnsbury to Concord when the accident occurred near the farm of David Ranney.

It was said that Miss Wells was in a hurry and was speeding when the machine struck a sandy spot in the road. The front wheels skidded, throwing the rear of the auto around and turning it almost completely over. The top was up, which probably saved Miss Wells from injuries other than the few bruises she received.

When men arrived and lifted the machine Miss Wells was able to extricate herself without further aid and said she was not hurt.

Beyond a smashed top and a sprung axle the machine was not damaged and was able to proceed under its own power after being righted.

Elmer H. Gaskell has bought of Miss Elizabeth Hawes the property at 2 Belvidere street.

## OVER 700 MEN AT VERMONT MEETING

Attendance Beats Records of Former Meetings of Association—Addresses by Colonel George Harvey, Governor Samuel W. McCall, Theodore N. Vail, Judge Wendell P. Stafford, Admiral Clark, James H. Hustis, H. E. Folsom, Chas. K. Gleed, E. C. Smith, Admiral Peary and John Barrett

## STATE'S NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES

Are Set Forth In Inspiring Speeches By Greatest Galaxy of Noted Men Ever Gathered On a Platform In the Green Mountain State—Meeting In Army In Afternoon and Banquet In City Hall In Evening Make-up Annual Affair and Observance of 125 Anniversary of Admittance To the Union

(Special to The Caledonian.)

Montpelier, July 12.—Seven hundred Vermonters gathered here today to attend the annual meeting of the Greater Vermont association and listened to inspiring addresses by the greatest galaxy of speakers that ever graced a platform at one time in the Green Mountain state.

It was the largest attendance of any meeting ever held by the association and after Tuesday night applications for tickets had to be turned down after the number originally planned on had been increased twice.

The sessions opened with a meeting in the afternoon in the army and concluded with a big banquet in the evening at City Hall, 700 persons being seated at the tables.

Post-prandial exercises followed the banquet. These were presided over by George Harvey of New York, editor of the North American Review, a native of Peacham.

The speakers all expressed enthusiasm over the possibilities which were before Vermont for its development and many of them touched upon the great problems which are confronting the nation today.

### Great Array of Speakers.

The speakers at the dinner were Governor Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts, President James H. Hustis of the Boston & Maine system, T. N. Vail of Lyndonville, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company; Judge Wendell P. Stafford, judge of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, a former resident of Barre and St. Johnsbury.

Among the guests will be Admiral Charles E. Clark, who arrived at Stowe last week, Governor C. W. Gates, a number of the former governors of the state, Senators W. I. Dillingham and Carol S. Page, members of the Washington Vermont society and others prominent in state and national affairs.

At the last moment word was received from Gov. Spalding of New Hampshire that, owing to the departure of the state troops and press of other official business he would be unable to be present. A letter of regret was also received from Edward A. Filene of Boston.

At the afternoon meeting the speakers were Charles K. Gleed of Topeka, Kan., a native of Morrisville; E. C. Smith, president of the Central Vermont railway; Admiral Robert E. Peary of the United States navy, and John Barrett of Washington, D. C. director general of the Pan-American congress.

Ladies from Barre, Montpelier and those who accompanied their husbands here occupied seats in the gallery during the post-prandial exercises in the evening. The gallery, which seats 700 persons, was filled. Major General Leonard Wood was among those expected to be present but could not leave the mobilization at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Ex-Governor Smith's Address.  
In his address this afternoon President E. C. Smith said in part:  
"The success of a state or nation depends upon the character and morality of its citizens. These two, character and morality, have their foundation in the divine law. Constitution the common law, statutes as enacted by the state and nations, are merely human efforts looking towards the expression of that law. The degree in which such expressions are carried out, the quality of the impetus of advancement in civilization, the degree of the appreciation of the rights of the individuals who make up society, the conformity of duty imposed by these rights between the members of a community—these measure the progress of the state of ideal perfection. The constant aim of a state should be the just recognition of these rights and the accomplishment of that duty. To depart from these ideals, leads to the end of disaster, to temporize with them postpones their fulfillment."

"I take it that the purpose of this organization is to develop a greater Vermont along these lines, even as laid down by those who prepared the way for us in Vermont; that the ideal upon which this organization is predicated is not material prosperity nor temporary advancement merely, but the ideal of equal justice to all its citizens. This organization looks to a truly greater Vermont, whose object is to hold the people of this state steady to the purposes of our fathers."

and to make a Vermont greater in the elements of character and morality, which is in truth the only sure and safe foundation on which to raise a material prosperity.

**Ideals Must Be Finely Rooted.**  
"When the people of the state have reached the period where these ideals have built into its fibre, then only may follow safely and successfully their efforts to build up and maintain a material prosperity involving the widest development of its resources, the broadest expansion of its industries, and the highest uplift of its institutions."

"Now, the first essential of success in the organization of a community is a basis of taxation that is fair and sane. Let me call your attention to a feature of our system of taxation for state revenue that has seemed to me to carry the elements of unfairness, and has projected the state upon a road full of trouble, a feature which ought to be corrected and changed, not only in the interest of those immediately affected, but for the good name and best interests of the state itself. Until 1880 the burden of supporting the state was then borne ratably by all the citizens of the state; but about that time a different policy was adopted and the state departed from its long-time system of levying a general property tax and inaugurated a new system of making one portion of the members of society bear the burden of the balance of the members. Certain of the corporations were thereafter taxed to pay expenses; expenses have gradually increased and the practice of making one branch of society carry the expense of the state organization for all its members is precisely tantamount to the proposition of living on other people's money. Living on other people's money inevitably leads to extravagance and extravagance inevitably leads to waste."

**Increased Expenditures.**  
The speaker, referring to the increased expenditures of the state, (Continued on Page 5)

### "YOU SHOULD WORRY"

If Your Coal Is In The Cellar

No you won't need to lie awake nights, if you have it salted away this summer, but we're sorry for those who do not.



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